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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, George Street, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C.; BATES, HENDY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 164, Leadenhall Street. PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSNE, 18, Rue Monsieur, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BROWN & BLACK, San Francisco. SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SATIE & CO., Square, Singapore. C. HEINSEN & CO., Manila. CHINA.—Macao, MESSRS A. A. DE MELLO & CO., SHANTUNG, CAMPBELL & CO., AMoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & CO., FOSHOW, HEDGE & CO., Shanghai. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND,.....1,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.—Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq. Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq. E. R. BEILLIUS, Esq. ADAM LIND, Esq. H. L. DALBYMPLE, WILHELM REINERS, Esq. H. HORPITT, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq. Hon. W. KESWICK.

CHIEF MANAGER, Hongkong,...THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. MANAGER, Shanghai,...EWEN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.—INTEREST ALLOWED. ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES of Interest allowed on Deposits.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.
" 6 " 4% " "
" 12 " 5% "

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL,.....\$300,000. RESERVE FUND,.....\$150,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

CAPITAL,.....£750,000. RESERVE FUND,.....£151,660.10.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK.

RATES of interest allowed on Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

Besides conducting general Exchange Business, the Bank discounts local bills, payable in Hongkong, and makes advances on approved Banking Securities.

Present Rate of Discount for approved short sight acceptances,.....5% per annum.

Rates for Advances, according to terms required, may be ascertained on application.

H. H. NELSON,

Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES.

RODGERS & SONS' Celebrated CUTLERY.

MAPPIN & BROS.' GENTS' DRESSING CASES.

WATERLOW'S & DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY.

BILLIARD CLOTHES, and BILLIARD CHALK.

BILLIARD CUE CEMENT and TIPS.

TABLE GLASSWARE & CROCKERY.

BRUSH-WARE of all kinds.

ALBUMS.

NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS, PRESENTATION BOOKS, &c.

FINE KENT HOPS.

MALT.

CARBOLIC ACID.

CAUSTIC SODA.

CHLORIDE OF LIME.

CROSE & BLACKWELL'S CELEBRATED HOUSEHOLD STORES.

California-SODA CRACKERS.

Family PIG PORK in kegs.

Family MESS BEEF in kegs.

Compressed CORNED BEEF.

Compressed OX TONGUES.

Compressed HAM.

BARCELONA, and PEANUTS, &c., &c., &c.

TEYSSONNEAU'S FRUITS, in BRANDY, NOYEAU, and JUICE.

French JAMS and JELLIES.

" O. K." BOURBON WHISKEY (Bottled by L. A. & Co.)

BASS'S ALE, in pints and qts., bottled by Cameron and Saunders.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, in pints and qts., bottled by E. & J. Burke.

BARCLAY & PERKINS' PORTER, in Kidderkins and Hds.

CLARET, in Cask.

&c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, July 19, 1878.

FOR SALE.

Ex "Elizabeth Childs,"

THE GENUINE APOLLINARIS WATER:

In Cases of 50 large Stone Bottles,

\$9 per Case.

In Cases of 50 small Stone Bottles,

\$6 per Case.

Ex Steamship "Asia."

TIVOLI BEER:

In Cases of 8 dozen White Pint Bottles,

\$15 per Case.

WIELER & CO.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

FOR SALE.

COKE and TAR in Quantities to suit Purchasers, at CHEAP RATES.

Apply to

GAS COMPANY,

West Point.

Hongkong, June 19, 1878.

FOR SALE.

TWO AMERICAN and ONE ENGLISH Second-hand BILLIARD TABLES, with BALLS, CUES, LAMPS, &c., Complete.

Apply to

D. NOWROOZEE,

Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, July 11, 1878.

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Rooms, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

the 9th Instant, at Noon,—

SILK UMBRELLAS, Purse, Key-

rings, Riding Whips, Hammers, Keyless's Clocks, Engravings, Wine Glasses, Tumblers, Pistols, Porcelain Flower Vases,

8 cases Port Wine, &c., &c.

And,

An Invoice of WATERLOW'S STATIONERY, comprising: Blue and Green Laid Foolscap, Blue and Green Laid Letter and Note Paper, Envelopes, Blotting Paper, &c., &c.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, at Noon, on

TUESDAY,

the 20th of August next,—

All the VALUABLE LAND, HOUSES, &c., &c., situate at the Port of TAMSUI, FORMOSA, and known as the PAO-

SHUN PROPERTY, in TWO lots.

Lot 1, consisting of GODOWNS, DWELLING HOUSE, GARDENS, STABLING &c., &c.

Lot 2 a plot of UPLAND GROUND very suitable for building purposes.

For particulars of property, and terms of sale, apply to

ELLISS & CO.,

Tamsui,

Tamsui, 25th July, 1878.

For Sale.

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LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S RIDING WHIPS.

CARBOLIC ACID, the best disinfectant.

PORCELAIN ICE PITCHERS.

KELLINE'S DUNDEE MARMALADE.

FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.

VEYRON'S CAFETIERIES.

CURRIER and ADER'S CLARETS.

Bass's ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by Foster.

French JAMS.

Scotch OATMEAL.

FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.

VEGETABLE, FLOWER and LAWN-GRASS SEED.

TEA TASTER'S CUPS, POTS, SCALES and TIME GLASSES.

FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.

French SUMMER SHOES.

CHRISTY'S HATS.

Bass's ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by Foster.

PEARS' TOILET SOAP.

English HAMS.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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STEAMER CITY OF SANTIAGO,
FROM LONDON, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by Messrs Norton & Co., into Messrs TURNER & Co.'s Praya Godown, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 12th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 5, 1878. au8

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. "SPECIE HALF" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods and Opium are being landed by Messrs Norton & Co. into Messrs TURNER & Co.'s Praya Godown, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 16th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by BIRLEY & Co.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878. au16

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per German Bark MANILA II, Gdynia, Master, from HAMBURG, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside the Vessel.

Cargo impeding discharge will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Wm. FUSTA & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 5, 1878.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the American Bark "BENEFACITOR," from New York, are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, August 2, 1878. au9

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Araratian Apeas, Captain A. B. MacLavish, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 2, 1878. au9

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Money having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, August 2, 1878. au9

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. DIEMNAH.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Euphrates and Copernic from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godown, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 5th instant, at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Saturday, the 10th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY, Agent.

Hongkong, August 5, 1878. au10

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY, Agent.

En "Amazon."

TH 164, Mr. L. Thévenin, { from 1 case, ink, { Marseilles

Ex "Fei Ho." B No. 10/21 Order, 15 Cases { from Wine, { Marseilles.

Hongkong, July 27, 1878.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

M. CHARLES J. BIRST has been authorized to sign our Firm for Procurement.

HESSE & Co.

Hongkong, July 23, 1878. au23

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, March 8, 1878. au8

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ARTHUR CHART in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878. au13

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Underigned in the Chinese Mail, 华字日报 (Wah Tze Yat Po),

CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but

Dates prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AIYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Underigned has leased the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr LEONG YOOK CAUW, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the newspaper.

KONG CHIM,

Leasee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

INTIMATIONS.

MR. H. SCHÜREN'S PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO.

I S N O W O P E N.

HOURS FOR SITTING: EVERY DAY FROM 7 TILL 10 O'CLOCK A.M.

MR. H. SCHÜREN respectfully requests

all Persons desirous to have their Portraits, to notice well the earlier hours for sitting, as the only means to obtain, during the present season, those fine half-tints and details so much admired, especially in White Dresses. Photos taken after 10 o'clock A.M. cannot be guaranteed to be to every satisfaction.

The Atelier cannot be Open for more than Two Months.

NOVELTY.

MR. H. SCHÜREN'S NEW SALOON PICTURES,

THE FINEST PRESENTS TO BE CHOSEN.

No Really Elegant Drawing Room should be without them.

FOR FREIGHT OR PASSAGE.

MR. H. SCHÜREN has much pleasure in introducing in this Colony, the new style of Photo which undoubtedly will find admirers amongst the intelligent.

The new Saloon Picture is unrivalled for its effects in artistic lighting, and its beautiful details, especially for LADY'S EVENING DRESSES and every kind of EMBROIDERED AND PLAIN WHITE DRESSES.

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looked Ordinance 6 of 1863, which provides that five per cent of the value of any property left in a chair shall be paid to the coolie taking it to the Police Station; and ten per cent in the event of the property being sold by the authorities through the owner not coming forward to claim it. It is true it does not appear from the report what was done with the watch after it passed into the hands of the hotel proprietor, who may have handed it directly over to the owner, in which case, as the watch would not be handled by the police at all, the clause providing for the payment of the five per centum of its value to the coolie, would not, perhaps, apply. If the watch were also handed directly over to the owner it is possible that this individual also rewarded the coolie, and that Mr. Creagh's \$2 was merely a sort of official acknowledgment of the man's honesty. Still Mr. Creagh, instead of drawing upon his private purse for the reward, might have promised a recommendation that the man should be presented with a free license for life. Instances of honesty of this nature are so rare among the Chinese that we hope the advisability of further rewarding this man, in the way indicated, will be well considered. A free license for life would be a substantial reward. Some readers may not be aware that an ordinary chair license, to enable a coolie to ply for hire from five o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock at night, costs annually fifty cents, while a special license, to enable a chair-coolie to ply for hire from the same hour in the morning until 12 o'clock at night, costs a dollar. Each bearer has also to pay a fee of ten cents. We append the clause of the Ordinance to which we have referred.

All Property, left in any Vehicle or Chair shall be taken forthwith to the Central Police Station and handed over to the Police Authorities who shall cause the Goods to be publicly advertised in the usual Manner, and, if claimed, the same shall be handed over to the Owner claiming it subject to a deduction of Five per Centum on the Value to be given to the Driver or Bearer bringing the same to the Police to be ascertained in case of difference by the Captain Superintendent of Police, and if the same shall be unclaimed at the Expiration of Three Months from the Date of the Loss the Captain Superintendent shall as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, cause the said Goods respectively to be sold in such Manner as he shall think best, and the Captain Superintendent shall deduct out of the Proceeds of each Sale a Sum equivalent to Ten per Centum on the Proceeds of the Sale of such Goods, and shall pay the Amount to the Driver or Bearer who shall have brought the said Goods, and subject thereto the said Proceeds shall be paid into the Public Treasury; and in Case any Driver or Bearer shall omit from any Cause whatever to comply with the Regulation contained in this Section he shall be subject to a Fine of not exceeding Fifty Dollars and the Value of the Article retained, and to a Revocation of his License for a Period not exceeding Two Years and besides any Punishment for Larceny or other Crime of which he may be convicted.

In looking over this Ordinance we observe several clauses, which, it seems to us, have been altogether lost sight of by the police authorities here, although both the comfort and the safety of residents would be much increased by their enforcement. We refer specially to paragraph 14 of section 12 of the Ordinance, enacting a penalty not exceeding ten dollars against every coolie "found sitting or lying in a public vehicle or chair." This practice is very common in the Colony, and seems lately to be increasing. Not content with merely sitting in the chairs, the coolies absolutely sleep them in broad daylight in the open streets, their savoury heads resting strongly against the back where a "fares" cranium will be shortly seeking repose, and their, in some cases, filthy bodies, legs, and arms literally "spread" over the chairs. If a chair be closed it commonly owns its objectionable sickly smell mainly to these disgusting habits. These things take place right under the noses of the police.

Then again, it does not seem to be generally known, in the police force at all events, that any coolie, who, when unemployed, allows his chair to remain in any other place than at one of the appointed stands, is also liable to a fine of ten dollars. Very seldom indeed have we seen this provision enforced, although it is daily and systematically set at defiance in nearly every part of the Colony. In conclusion, we may be aiding somewhat in the preservation of peace and good order in this Colony by indicating a few other offences which are punishable under this Ordinance by a fine of \$10.

Concealing from, or preventing any person taking the number of himself or of his chair.

Using any chair without having a copy of the list of fares properly affixed in his chair, or not carrying a lamp according to the regulation.

Carelessly carrying any chair to the danger of any person or property whatsoever.

Using any insulting language, or being guilty of any rude behaviour whilst employed.

Refusing when unemployed to accept hire, without reasonable cause for so doing.

Demanding more than his authorized fare.

Not travelling with reasonable expedition.

Leaving his fare before the engagement shall have been completed.

On the other hand, "any person who, having engaged a chair, shall refuse or neglect to pay the fare for the same forthwith upon the termination of the hiring, or in case any person shall wilfully injure or damage any public chair, or beat, ill-treat, or use abusive language towards the bearer, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars."

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The Colonial Government states that over forty inches of rain fell in Bombay during the fourteen days preceding 3rd July. It rained incessantly for a week, and the largest rainfall ever registered was then noted.

The pleasurable performance of the Band in the Public Gardens last night was most summarily stopped by a downpour of rain, to the no small inconvenience of those present, especially the ladies. Umbrellas and covered chairs were at a premium, and the stampede was general.

We are informed that, in consequence of the transfer of one of the Baxter Vernacular Girls' Schools to the London Mission here, the Rev. A. B. Hutchinson has resigned the office of Manager of those schools which he has held for the past five years, and that the Baxter Memorial School, Tainping-shan, has simultaneously passed into the hands of the Church Missionary Society of which the Rev. gentleman is the agent in this place.

The following items are from the Straits Times:

London, July 27.—An Official denial is given to the statement, that Parliament will be dissolved in the Autumn.

The Hon. Mr. Douglas C.M.G., will leave (Singapore) for Ceylon on 8th August. No information as to who his successor will be has yet been received.

The Colonial steamer *Pluto*, which was despatched to the assistance of the British ship *John O'Gaunt*, which got ashore on the Horsburgh Reef on Friday morning last, returned on Saturday and reported that the *John O'Gaunt* succeeded in getting afloat without assistance and before the arrival of the *Pluto*, and proceeded on her voyage to Manila.

Captain G. F. Graham of the S. S. *Eastern Islet* reports that the British barque *Rhoda* of 245 tons, laden with horses and bound from Macassar to Singapore, was wrecked on Dewakian Island, Straits of Macassar. The crew and cargo were all saved, and the wreck has been sold by public auction. Captain Vincent of the *Rhoda* shipped the horses on board for Singapore in the Siamese brig *Wanderer*.

The Friend of India gives the following paragraph:—We learn from Ceylon that the catechist of the C. M. S. who accused the ritualistic Mr. Duty of idolatry, had been ordered by the Bishop to make an apology, but refuses compliance, as he is not convinced that Mr. Duty is not guilty of idolatry in prostrating himself before a material cross, and in bowing to the sacramental elements. "Is it come to this," asks a local paper, "that the missionaries of the Gospel Propagation Society are themselves charged with idolatry by Ceylon natives?" Christian England, here is a picture! You send missionaries to convert natives from idolatry, but your missionaries themselves are told to the face of their bishops that they themselves are idolatrous."

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

August 7, 1878.

CAPERS.

Wong Aloj, a coolie, was sent to 4 months' hard labour for stealing a bottle of capers, the property of Messrs Davis & Co., from their godowns. Several bottles have been missed lately in a mysterious manner.

ASSAULTING A COOLIE.

Mr. E. O. Barradas, writer H. M.'s Naval Yard, was summoned at the instance of one Lu Ali, a chair coolie employed by Mr. Randell, for an assault.

Lu Ali, a chair coolie employed as above stated, desposed that between 7 and 8 o'clock he was sent by his master to get two bottles of liquor from the Police Canteen. He was carrying the liquor home in a chair, another coolie was in front of the chair, and as they were passing through the Holywood Road, the defendant and three other Portuguese came up behind and poked witness in the back with his walking stick. Witness asked him why he did it, and he then struck witness five or six times on the arm with his stick. Witness dropped the chair and ran to the Central Station and made a report.

The other coolie gave corroborative evidence.

Inspector Matheson proved taking the charge and having seen the marks on complainant's arm.

Defendant stated that he was on his way to the Chinese Theatre, and the defendants who were carrying a chair obstructed the road; defendant caught hold of the pole and pushed it on one side when complainant made use of very filthy language. Defendant then beat him.—Fined \$1.50.

STEALING BEEF.

Wan Asan, a cook, was charged with stealing about 8 lbs. of beef, part of the ration intended for the men of the 74th Regiment. He denied the charge, but was sent to 10 weeks' hard labour.

LARCENY.

Wong Awing, a cook aged 15 years, was sent to 10 weeks' hard labour for stealing \$17.2 rupees, 2 gold rings, and 50 cents from the box of a seaman on board the S.S. *Dundee*.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE GOVERNMENT CENTRAL SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

August 6th, 1878.

Sir,—As I take not a little interest in matters Educational in the Colony, I was rather astonished to see a new set of regulations for admission to the Central School. The thought occurred to me, What has to be done with the boys who were promised admission to the school as vacancies occurred, after they had passed the examination (preliminary) required for entrance to the school? On reference to a file of the *China Mail*, 1st March 1878, I find the following:—"The *raison d'être* of the Government Central School seems to be generally acknowledged amongst some if not all classes of the community. The School was opened to room when no less than 218 boys applied for admission. Only 35 of these could be admitted, and the remaining 183 had to be sent away for want of room. In fact the *raison d'être* of the new and enlarged school will have been sufficiently justified, had the new building been ready for occupation." Now, Sir, as very few of the 183 boys sent away on the 1st March can have during the last five months gained admission to the school, have these boys, who are now living under a promise of admission to the school, to be again subjected to another examination before the promise given by Mr. Stewart is fulfilled?

Again, how many of the Chinese will be able to see the notice published in the *Government Gazette* last Saturday, stating that applications for admission must be sent to the Acting Inspector of Schools, "on or before the 12th August, after which date no application can be entertained for the present year?"

I do not consider the new regulations published in the *Government Gazette* of Saturday quite fair to the 183 boys sent away who may not be within reach of such papers as I have referred to, but who will present themselves when the school meets after the vacation, only to be told that Mr. Stewart had gone to England, and that the old state of things had passed away, and that the regulations in existence were all now:

Yours &c.,
AN OLD BOY.

[We are informed on good authority that nearly the whole of the 183 boys rejected on March 1st have since been admitted into the School, and that the building is now so crowded in school hours that satisfactory tuition and perfect discipline are almost impossible.—ED. C. M.]

China.

SHANGHAI.
(News.)

The community generally will, we feel sure, regret to hear of the demise of M. A. Hennequin, agent of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes at this port, and Vice-President of the French Municipal Council. The lamented gentleman had, we understand, been ailing for some days, and his end was not altogether unexpected. The flags at the French Consulate-General and on board the M.M. and P. O. mail steamships in harbour, were lowered to half-mast, and we understand the French public offices will be closed to-day, (Aug. 3rd) out of respect to his memory.

Further subscriptions (given-in-hand) column have been received in aid of the China Famine Relief Fund. They include the 23rd and 24th telegraphic remittances from London of £6,000 each; a remittance from Melbourne of £1,432.49; £1,545.05 from New York, and several smaller sums, amounting altogether to £17,176.92, and bringing up the total to date to £10,218.69, of which a balance of £20,813.45 remains in the hands of the treasurer.

(Courier.)

The sailing vessel *Harlowe* from Sydney, New South Wales, with about 1200 tons of coal, has just been lost near Woosung. A foreign pilot boarded her on Wednesday morning (July 31st) near the light-ship, and all went well for some time, when a strong breeze suddenly sprang up, and before the vessel could be anchored she was driven on to the Tung-sha bank. The gale continuing, and the ship being in a very dangerous condition, the captain determined to leave her, and he and the pilot and eleven of the crew got into one of the boats. The remainder of the crew, about eleven in number, got into three other boats belonging to the ship. One of the crew had been drowned. The Captain's boat was ultimately picked up by a pilot boat and the occupants were brought to Shanghai to-day. Nothing has been heard of the other boats, and H. M. S. *Hornet* has gone in search of them. The *Harlowe* is a total wreck, even her masts having disappeared.

(Morning Post.)

"MORE THAN TWO."—Frankie (to Annie, who is eating a sponge-cake): "Annie, let me be your baby, and you feed me." Annie: "Oh, no, Frankie, you cannot be my baby; my baby must be in long clothes. One wot can't eat no sponge-cake!"

(Fun.)

"ELIZA," said a clergyman to one of his parishioners, whom he saw with her hair in curling papers, "if God had designed your hair to curl, He would have curled it for you." "I did, Sir, when I was a child," was the reply; "but He thinks now I am old enough to do it myself."

(Morning Post.)

"AUTOMATIC HOUR-GLASS SIGNAL."—The ingenious little signal egg-boiler, recently invented by J. A. de Macedo, of Headington, near Oxford, appears to be capable of many other applications where certain work has to be performed at the end of a given time. The sand-glass is clamped with sand in the usual way, and is fixed to a frame, and hung in such a way that when the full bulb is turned upward it rests against a stop, and is thus held at such an angle that the centre of gravity of the glass is above its centre of oscillation; but when sufficient sand has run through, the frame carrying the sand-glass overbalances, and becomes inverted. By this movement a hammer attached to the frame is made to strike a bell, and the glass remaining in the altered position the sand runs back into the first bulb ready for use again. There would appear to be many processes, especially in connection with chemical manipulation, in which so ready a means automatically acting upon suitable apparatus at a fixed time would be of great value.—*Mining Journal*.

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THE LIGHTNING ROD.

(Telegraphia Journal)

Dr. Mann gives the following summary of the conclusions he has arrived at with reference to the construction of lightning rods:

1. The copper rope, or rod, employed as the main stem of a lightning conductor, should in no case have a diameter of less than four-teenths of an inch.

2. A rope or rod of four-teenths of an inch in diameter is not large enough for the protection of buildings that are more than 80 feet high. The resistance offered by a conductor of any given diameter increases with its length. Long conductors, therefore, require to be of larger sizes than short ones.

3. For every additional 80 ft. of height, or of extent, a second rope, or rod, of the same transverse dimensions must be added, or the sectional area of the single rod must be increased in a similar degree.

4. It is of no practical importance whether the conductor possesses the form of a rope of twisted wire, or of a rod, provided it be of sufficient dimensions for the work which it has to perform.

5. If a cylinder, or pipe, is used instead of a rope, or rod, it must be considered as furnishing the same conducting capacity that it would have if it split up along one side, and opened out into the form of a flat band.

6. Galvanized iron may be used as a conductor instead of copper, but it must be considerably larger size, because iron is of inferior conducting capacity to copper.

7. An iron rope, or rod, to be equally efficient, must be rather more than double the width of a copper rope or rod. In exact figures the proportional diameters needed are 6-7 to 2-5. The conducting capacity of iron is five and a half times less than that of copper, or, in more exact figures, as 14 to 77.

8. A galvanized iron rope conductor should, in no circumstance, be less than eight-tenths of an inch in diameter.

9. When a strip, or tape, of copper, is used in place of a rope, or rod, it should be in no case less than three-quarters of an inch broad, and one-eighth of an inch thick. Such a strip contains a sectional area of a tenth of a square inch.

10. Galvanized iron, when used in the form of a strip, should be four inches wide, and an eighth of an inch thick. Such a strip would contain a trifle more than half a square inch of sectional area.

11. A Lightning-rod must be absolutely unbroken, or of continuous length from end to end.

12. When metallic water-pipes, or other similar stretches of metal, forming part of the structure, of an edifice, are made to do service as lightning conductors, all joints must be carefully made good by solder, and tested afterwards to ascertain the sufficiency of their conducting capacity. Without this precaution, the arrangement is liable to be a source of danger, instead of a means of safety.

13. It is quite unimportant how a lightning-rod is attached to a building. It does not need insulating fastenings; ordinary metal clamps of any kind may be quite safely employed, provided the rod be of good conducting capacity, and otherwise efficient.

14. The rod must be terminated above in metal points, well projected up into the air.

15. The terminal points may be made either of copper, or iron, but they must be tapered out very gradually, and be perfectly sharp. An alloy composed of 835 parts of silver, and 165 parts of copper, forms an excellent material for tipping the points, because it enabled them to preserve, for a long time, their sharpness under the circumstances of exposure to moist air. The

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